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NH DEPT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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RE: GRANITE RELIABLE POWER WINDPOWER PROJECT IN  
COOS COUNTY, NH

Dear Mr. Roach:

I am writing in response to your Public Notice dated January 7, 2009 File Number NAE 2008-410. I write in support of the Granite Reliable Power, LLC (GRP) wind power project in Coos County. I urge the US Army Corps to take whatever steps it can to approve the project so that it can be constructed and provide renewable electric power to customers in New Hampshire and New England. I testified in support of the project at the public hearing held jointly by the NH Site Evaluation Committee and the US Army Corps in October 2008 and continue to strongly support this project. I believe the mitigation package that GRP has put forward will provide protection for wetlands, waters, habitat and wildlife.

It is my understanding that the mitigation package currently under discussion actually goes significantly beyond what was described in your Public Notice. I believe that it will be very much in the public interest for this project to be built. The benefits from this wind power project from a renewable energy perspective with the mitigation package are substantial.

This project will help New Hampshire and other New England states meet their renewable portfolio standards. For these reasons I urge your speedy approval of this important project for New Hampshire.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Raymond S. Burton

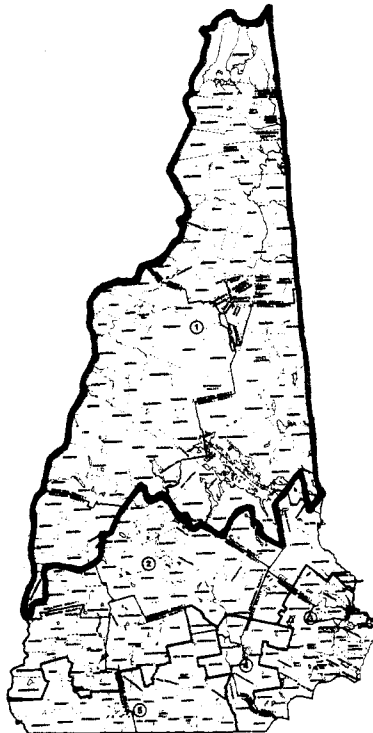
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cc: Commissioner Thomas Burack, Department of Environmental  
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